

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the enclosed drawings sheet for the corresponding sheet as filed.

REMARKS

Claims:

Claims 1-9 and 22 are in the application. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

In claim 1, after the word "flexible" the word -- membrane—was inserted in order to maintain proper antecedent basis. No new matter has been added.

The objection is deemed overcome.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1 - 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements.

In compliance with the Examiner's instructions, the amendments shown in the attached sheets were made. The basis is found on pages 11, 29 and 30 of the specification. No new matter is introduced.

Applicants add Claim 22. The basis is found on page 11, line 8, of the specification.

Election/Restrictions:

Requirement for Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. §121

A Requirement for Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. §121 was made by the Examiner. A telephonic election was made.

The telephonic election, without traverse, of Group I, Claims 1 – 9 is hereby confirmed. Applicants choose not to traverse the Examiner's restriction requirements, and elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1 – 9. Claims in Groups II, III and IV are reserved for Divisional applications.

Drawings:

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a). As the present application is otherwise in condition for passage to issuance, Applicants submit herewith formal drawings in accordance with all entered amendments.

The drawings were objected to because the reference characters used were used incorrectly, with duplicate numbering of different structural components.

In the corrected drawings, no new matter is introduced. The incorrect numbering occurred when the drawings first submitted with the application were lost. Replacement drawings contained Figure 5 A,B, which was an earlier version, and was incorrectly included in the resubmission. Three sheets are submitted herewith: 1) the incorrect drawing, 2) the amended drawing, showing corrected characters in red, and 3) the replacement sheet. Also submitted herewith is a copy of a sheet simultaneously submitted to the PCT. It supports the fact the originally submitted sheet was correctly labeled.

Applicants respectfully request removal of the objections.

In The Specification:

The disclosure was objected to because the description related to Figure 5 failed to describe the two separate designs. The corrected drawings now correlate with the specification.

The objection is deemed overcome.

Summary

The present amendment and remarks have overcome and discussed each of the bases for the rejections presented in the Office Action. No new subject matter has been introduced by the present amendment.

In consideration of the preceding amendment and accompanying remarks, the present application is deemed in condition for allowance. The timely action of the Examiner to that end is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney is at the Examiner's disposal should the Examiner wish to discuss any matter which might expedite prosecution of this case.

Sincerely yours,

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